

The Confederate.

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Private Conversations.

Mr. Holden complains of the use of his private conversations; and founding his right to do so on a groundless allegation, he threatens us with some exposure he professes to have. He is welcome to utter in the face of the world all he knows or has ever heard of us, and all that we have ever written to him. We have written to him, and have now in our possession letters from him, just as Gov. Graham has, or is said to have had. By all means let him begin the exposure. The only shame he can cause us, is the shame of the association—and to that, our plea is that he then wrote and published, for his country, and it was our folly to think him sincere.

When Gov. Vance mentioned at Fayetteville his conduct on the occasion of the mob, we understand it to be an explanation which Mr. Holden had rendered necessary, by publishing a reflection on Gov. Vance in connection with running the blockade. In this explanation he made it appear satisfactorily, to the opposition, that Mr. Holden had known the devotion of "our men" in the Governor's particular of the school of; it was set out to revive the present Chief Magistrate was "feeling badly and depressed a matter of comp." opportunity. Mr. Holden had been a member of the administration of Mr. Rives because he disapproves of Mr. Rives being elected, for that he is a member of the party, for that he is a guinea, and came in with, indeed it was one of the first, he took hold of for his safety. Of course it is his dealing with us, an investigation is to be made publicly, to injure the suspension of State upon which he has not fullest opportunity to possess. We have not desired in this campaign to bring into discussion any circumstances of a private nature against Mr. Holden. Our opposition to him was based on a conviction of his dishonesty. To prove this, as to prove any other act which the perpetrator would seek to hide, resort must be had to confidential communications. We are not called on to express an opinion of the witnesses. But the evidence once given, belongs to the public. In the present case, Mr. Holden's conversations are not seen to have been private. At the time he uttered them, he was sure, apparently, of his object, and was unreserved in the efforts he was making to achieve it.

Mr. Holden mentions Col. J. P. H. Russ. We tell him, it would not be safe to bring Col. J. P. H. Russ to the book: for whenever Mr. Russ swears, he will be obliged to swear that he uttered the same sentiments, in substance, which are ascribed to Mr. Holden. When we say this, we do so under the belief that Col. Russ is a bold, frank man, as we have always considered him—and they will be no necessity for a Governor to do so.

We have been informed of Mr. Holden's opinions for long before we began with the Confederate. It was this knowledge which once carried us to Richmond. We had a deep interest in the matter. We had lost our home and was anxious for its recovery. We had researched what of property we had, on the call of an officer of the Government, and were anxious for its restoration. We had a patriotic love for our country, and desired to save it from overthrow. We have been in the severest battles of the war, and desired a final success. We had Mr. Holden's earnest and oft-repeated exhortations, that true patriotism should pursue and expose treason, and defend the country against it. We believed it was contemplated, and we sought to save not only the cause and the State, but the very persons from the criminal consequences of their own act. And now, in the pursuit of this same object, and without any intent or motive to injure Mr. Holden in any private concern, we shall continue to present the evidences of Mr. Holden's unfitness and unworthiness of the office for which he has made himself a candidate.

Vegetables for the Hospitals.

The Ladies of Raleigh, and many other citizens, are contributing liberally of delicacies, vegetables, etc., for the use of our brave soldiers in our Hospitals; but it will perhaps call the attention of others who have not, from inadvertence, contributed to their relief, for us to state, that Vegetables of all kinds offer an acceptable treat to those sick and wounded men, and furnish a diet that afford an additional guarantee for their health and comfort. Vegetables are and soon will be plentiful. Let the Hospitals be supplied with an abundance.

The Laws of Congress.

We commence in this issue, and shall continue from day to day until completed, the Public Acts of the First Congress of the Confederate States, passed at the Fourth Session, beginning with the 7th of October, 1863, and ending 18th February, 1864. Those desiring copies of these Laws, many of them very important for future reference, would do well to file the *Confederate* from this date.

We would call public attention to the following two lines, which appear regularly in every issue of our Daily paper:

"Marriage notices and Obituaries are charged as advertisements."

The Situation.

The Richmond papers of yesterday give us little information as to the position of Grant's army; but the indications are that he is making an effort to get the mouth of the James, with a view to it's capture, and operating against Petersburg. We doubt Gen. Lee's allowing him to cross, but should Grant's army prove too strong for him to intercept them, Beauregard will give them a lively time till Lee can come to the rescue, and either demolish the whole host or drive them to their transports, as Beauregard did Butler.

There is nothing later as to Gen. Johnson's operations against Sherman. The Yankees have been baffled in their "on to Atlanta" and have taken the back track. Johnson is endeavoring to force him to give battle, but he declines. The Yankee Commissioner is said to be woefully short and the army is suffering for food for man and beast, which may compel them to return to Chattanooga, where they will probably meet Forrest, Wheeler, and maybe Morgan. The Lincoln Government is evidently very uneasy, and are said to anticipate a necessity for the evacuation of all of Tennessee, in the event of the failure of Sherman, which they also seem to anticipate.

The advices from Staunton are not of a pleasant character. Cook and Averill with their forces, have joined the Yankee Hunter, and Pore with 4,000 more troops are on the fortifications of Richmond. He himself has done wonders. In a great battle he has beaten Beauregard that the only hope of the latter, now, is to run away into the extreme South; but General Butler has "no idea of permitting" the wily and astute little Creole to get off in that way—at least not with his artillery and baggage. The "press reporters" are not far behind Butler. They give an account of a terrific battle of the gambuts—the rebels rams having descended and fought the monitors for an hour by Shrewsbury clock. The rams were "fully finished," but the reporters had not learned how many were sunken, how many blown up, and how many captured.

The meaning of this unfathomable lying is suggested by an article about the Baltimore Convention. It was needless. We straight through—like the last moment—for the Convention assembled on the 17th. No doubt, the magnetic storm continues, and will continue to derange the wires and disturb the telegraph till it has voted: when something of a novel kind may come over the wires. Perhaps it has already. We have only room to add that gold is one hundred and ninety-two, and the Herald thinks that Lincoln has no chance.

Sorghum Rollers.

Every Farmer is, or ought to be, cultivating Sorghum cane; and Rollers to make Syrup in, will be a great desideratum. We are glad to see that Messrs. Shuy, Williamson & Co., of this city, have the very article out of which to make them. See advertisement in this paper.

Also, Creech & Littleford's Advertisement of Sheet Iron for sale.

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From Capt. Manly's Battery,

NEAR GAINES' MILL, 6th June, 1864.

Our battery has been engaged for four days and nights without sleep or rest of any kind. The weight of the Yankees' most stupendous efforts have been directed in our immediate front. Our guns have been firing nearly all of each day, and late in the night. As soon as the firing slackens, we have to throw dirt and replace the parts of our works knocked down during the day. We fire double charges of canister, and three fourths and one second, shrapnel and shell. Our first piece, the Napoleon, the Yankees shot the wheels off as fast as we could replace them by taking those from the caissons and limbers; but late in the day they shot the trail in two and knocked a large piece of the muzzle off. We have sent to Richmond for a new gun. Our other guns are still firing, although nearly all the bolts about the guns were shot away and scarcely spoke again from a swamp which was found to be impassable. Finding he could go no further, he receded a short distance, but the enemy have shown no disposition to follow him.

The Yankees sharpshooters are within 125 yards of our guns. The Yankees have made several charges each day for the past two or three. We get plenty to eat of an excellent quality, and our troops are in splendid condition. If Mr. Grant ever takes Richmond, he must make a decided improvement on his style of fighting. His sharp-shooters do much more execution than all his "charges." His sharpshooters can strike any target from the size of a quarter dollar, up to a man. Some of our boys put a tin cup on the breastworks yesterday, and in less than a minute they put three holes through it. The casualties in our company since I last wrote, are few, considering the circumstances. I enclose you a list up to to-day:

Killed, 1st Lieut Payne. Wounded, 2d Lieut Sidney Dunn, leg amputated above the knee; corp. Woodson, in arm; privates H Mayo, in leg; J Knight, face and shoulder; A Spike, breast works knocked down upon him, severely wounded; J Simmons, in five places; J Atkinson, in fifteen places, none serious; Chas McKimmon, in hip; corp. W G Cummings, mortally; S C Burnett, shoulder.

Several others barked by minnie balls; all drawing the blood, but not severe enough to leave the field.

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LINN, BATTLE, GAINES' MILL, June 5th, 1864.

Editors Confederate.—You will confer a great favor by publishing in the columns of your paper, the casualty list of my Company, K, 47th N. C. Regiment, in the recent battles of North Carolina, from the 6th of May to the 5th June, 1864.

Killed.—Private J R Tickle, Taylor Linnen, Dethay, Lindsey Sutton, John Foster, Wounded—sergeant J Warrick, ankle, corp. D A Rose shoulder, corp. W Love, leg, privates Morgan Simpson, shoulder, Lewis Simpson, groin, Christian Isley, arm, J C Watkins, side, Lot Bishop, hand, Calvin Ticknor, shoulder, Henry Waggoner, leg, A R Kimball, arm, Samuel Linquist, ankle, S W Spry, hand, J A Swain, Dennis Low, hand, P H Bonham, amputated, G W Stinson, ankle and groin.

Very respectfully,

R. H. FAUCETTE, Capt. Co. K, 47th N. C. Regt.

Greensboro' Patriot please copy.

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